Postponement of relaunching of Doordarshan Channel-3

1988. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether relaunching of the Doordarshan Channel-3 has been further postponed;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay and postponement; and

(c) by when it is likely to be relaunched and what are the salient features of this third channel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) Doordarshan-3 is presently off the air as the programming on it is being restructured. The channel, on commencement of operations, sometime later this year, will telecast serious programmes with an emphasis on news, current affairs including business and economy and other information based programmes on science & technology, environment etc. entertainment with high artistic and cultural content such as classical music and dance (both Indian and international), dramafi artistic films (both features and documentaries), serials Indian & foreign.

Import of Newsprint

1989. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether newsprint is being imported by Government without knowing factually the accurate circulation of newspapers.

(b) if so, how much newsprint was imported in each of the last three years and what in the actual circulation of newspapers;

(c) whether Government propose to review the newsprint import policy to check the misuse of imported nefaprins; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir. After the decanalisation of import of newsprint w.e.f. 1.4.92, the Government has not been importing newsprint.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The existing policy is considered to be adequate for the present. Review is an ongoing process.

Criteria for Disbursing Government Advertisement to Newspapers

1990. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria adopted in disbursing Government advertisements to the newspapers and on what basis is the criteria adopted;

(b) whether discrimination is taking place in the disbursing of Government advertisements to the small and medium regional newspapers;

(c) if so, how many complaints/representations were received in this regard by Government and the action taken thereon;

(d) the setps taken by Government to disburse Government advertisements equally to the newspapers; and

(e) if no step has been taken, the reasons therefor??

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government advertisements are issued to only those news-papers/periodicals which are empanelled with DAVP. Advertisements are released in various categories of periodicals keeping in view the publicity requirements, target